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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS AGREEMENT FOR RECENTLY-NOMINATED
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: MCANULTY-ARENDT E-MAIL OF 02/09

1. (SBU) Mission Abuja received a diplomatic note, dated February 2, 2010, from the Nigerian Foreign Ministry (MFA) formally requesting agreement for Nigeria's recently-nominated Ambassador to the United States, Professor Adeblowale Ibidapo Adefuye. The text of this diplomatic note follows:

Begin Text:

The Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to inform the esteemed Mission that the President, Commander-in-Chief H.E. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, (GCFR) has graciously approved the nomination of Ambassador (Professor) Adeblowale Ibidapo Adefuye as the new Ambassador Extra-Ordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nigeria to the United States of America.

Accordingly, the Ministry would appreciate the kind assistance of the esteemed Mission to obtain agreement for the nomination of Ambassador (Professor) Adeblowale Ibidapo Adefuye, whose Curriculum Vitae is attached.

The Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic on Nigeria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America, the assurances of its highest consideration.

End of Text.

2. (SBU) The MFA attached a curriculum vitae of Adefuye to the diplomatic note, which Mission forwarded separately to the Department (attention: AF/W).
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